Rain water harvesting system

773. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to revive the traditional rain water harvesting system in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof along with financial implication and allocation proposed to be made for the purpose; and

(c) the States where this programme is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to launch a massive scheme to repair, renovate and restore all the water bodies that are directly linked to agriculture. In the current year, pilot projects shall be taken up in at least five districts, one district in each of the 5 regions of the country. The estimated cost of the proposed scheme is Rs. 100 crores and funds for this purpose will be drawn from the existing programmes.

Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal

774. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the progress made in the construction of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal, as directed by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): The Central Public Works Department has been nominated as the Central Agency to undertake and complete the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal and an Empowered

Committee (High Powered Committee) has been set up to coordinate and facilitate early implementation of the decree mentioned in the Judgement & Order dated the 4th June, 2004 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, within the time frame as directed therein.

'Stop Water' campaign

†775. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, during the last three years under 'Stop Water' campaign, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that these States have spent nothing from the financial assistance given to them; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the instructions which are being considered to be issued to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has not provided any financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh for "Stop Water" campaign.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement between Punjab and Rajasthan for supply of water

†776. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan had entered into agreements regarding supply of water in the past;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.